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These villagers have joined up to enjoy a pint at One after their hard work saved a pub from closure and made it a community asset - turn to page 3 for full story

MORE HOMES NEEDED IN THE RIGHT PLACES

Government pledges £3bn to help as county prices hit 12-15 times average salary

George Welsh and Ben
Asterlind, Reporters

TELESCOPING in Oxfordshire is simply
unaffordable for many people.
That's a message from a housing
association chief after it was revealed

the average price of a house in the
county now costs 12.5 times the aver-
age salary.

The National Housing Federation's
South East Region Youth 2016/17
report shows the average price in
Oxfordshire is £228,284 while the
average earnings are £18,000.

The report also reveals the average
rental property at Oxford costs £1,260
per month, meaning an outlying of
half-hourly people's salary.

The figures come from a Government
White Paper which revealed increasing
plans for children to build more
affordable homes after demand

existed for England's housing market
in "crisis".

Plans to do the country's housing
crises were unveiled by Govern-
ment Secretary Sajid Javid on Tuesday
after the Government admitted to
lagging behind its schedule of building
250,000 homes a year.

The Government's new housing
strategy for England, as outlined in
the White Paper, aims to get the right
homes built in the right places, speed
up house building and to diversify
the market.

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structure and function.

While the cancer is just over two metres long, it weighs over 10 tonnes and a special crane will be used to load the equipment.

Oxford University's Centre for Clinical Magnetic Resonance Research is considered one of the leading centres of excellence for imaging in the world.

The cancer already has two

powerful MRI scanners, but the latest scanner will be 20-30 times a capable of producing higher resolution images.

The additional machine will boost capacity and enable more engaging work to be done to help scientists improve the treatment, diagnosis and cure of breast cancer.

Professor Stefan Mueller, head of radiology at the centre of

Oxford University said: "Advances in MRI imaging are opening up incredible new possibilities for cancer discovery."

Thirty years ago, the only images that could be taken of the breast were x-rays which were painful, but limited. Now we are able to take highly sophisticated images of the breast (and all tumours) in much greater detail."

Dr Sharon Arnold, senior research adviser at the NHS said: "The University of Oxford is a world leading centre for breast research, so it is crucial we give their scientists the tools they need."

"Funding investments like this is a vital part of making the NHS a world leader in research and innovation, and we are pleased to support this."

Boy, 9, stable after hit by car

A NINE-YEAR-OLD boy is in a stable condition with serious injuries after being hit by a car on Wednesday.

Bartholomew 11 Street, and a collision took place between a black Peugeot 207 and the child, who was on the pavement on Friday Road, near to the precinct with Henry Park Road.

The child sustained serious injuries and was taken to John Radcliffe Hospital by ambulance. The boy is currently in a stable condition.

The driver of the Peugeot, a 30-year-old man, was not injured. Road closures were in place while emergency services attended.

Investigating officers would like to speak to the occupants of a Nissan Pulsar and a silver Audi A4 who were believed to be stopped at the pedestrian crossing at the time of the collision.

If you have any information call Thames Valley Police on 016.

Missing man

CHENGBU, Police are "increasingly concerned" for the welfare of a man who has gone missing from Oxford.



Mr. Robinson, 33, was last seen on Thursday January 18 at around 10pm at Clarendon Road. He is white, 5'8" tall, of medium build, and looking grey hair. He was possibly last seen wearing a red and grey overcoat with a black leather shoulder bag. Mr. Robinson is thought to have arrived in Oxford from 3. Contact police on 016.



Community opens arms to welcome pub

THE much-loved Abingdon Arms is now under community ownership following a campaign by locals and 62 local residents.

The successful campaign, led by the Department for Communities and Local Government and former of Change, as well as a variety of community organisations, means that the Abingdon Arms has been saved after a 10-year long campaign.

The 18th-century pub was put up for sale in May 2004 by the local authority.

After a year of campaigning, the first part of being the village pub is now under community ownership.

The first part of the scheme was to let the Abingdon Arms to an Asset

of Community Interest, which then gave the town a 10-month window to prepare a bid to buy the pub for the village.

A group of locals set up the Abingdon Arms Community Group and raised over £10,000 in the first month of their community share scheme.

Mike Biddle, chair of the Abingdon Arms Community Group, said: "We have had a historic response to our campaign to save the Abingdon Arms in Abingdon and we are proud to be a community pub. It has been heart-warming to see so many people supporting the project, and has created a real sense of community cohesion."

Community Pub Monitor Andrew Perry said: "Thanks to the efforts of the Abingdon Arms and local newspapers, the Abingdon Arms will now play a part in the heart of the community. This is a great reason to celebrate with a pint, and I hope the new owners will bring the pub back to its former glory."

The community is interested in hearing from anyone who wants to work with a community-owned pub. The group hopes to develop the Abingdon Arms into a community pub that includes a local shop, a cafe, a bike repair service, a parent advice service and a venue for local events.

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NEWS

One Oxfordshire: war of words develops as councils state their cases

Two districts support idea for one authority

Eve Atkinson is Reporter

THE campaign for One Oxfordshire has gained the support of South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse councils, marking the latest step in opposing local authorities' demands that Oxfordshire and Oxford City.

Two weeks after the proposal was published, the two councils have agreed to work together with Oxfordshire County Council and will submit a joint bid to government.

"They released a joint statement on Monday that said, 'Having looked at all the evidence, we are convinced that a single authority would be Oxfordshire, providing the best prospect for maintaining high-quality services and securing locally needed investment in infrastructure'."

The joint bid put forward by South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse is building on the foundation of the draft One Oxfordshire proposal, with some improvements.

In their statement they added: "Reinforcing local democracy and autonomy should be at the heart of the new model, so that decisions can be made as close to the people as possible. There can be no one-size-fits-all approach."

One of the main factors pushing

"strengthening the model of local accountability, at a time local level rather than relying on decisions taken by a central authority, would be to ensure that the model is sustainable."

Another point was a revised model of council tax, businesses that would take place across the county over a reasonable period of time.

"A single unitary council for Oxfordshire provides the best prospect for maintaining high quality services and securing investment in infrastructure."

SOCC and Vale

Matthew Barber, leader of Vale of White Horse District Council, said: "The Vale will play an important role in developing the localised proposals that a unitary council envisaged. They have a strong local culture and impact and offer our communities value for money."

John Cotton, leader of South Oxfordshire District Council, added: "We hope to shape the future of our county as a single, strong authority. South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse

believe securing our local communities across the district comes in benefits from a council that understands local people's needs and aspirations."

And Ian Hedges, leader of Oxfordshire County Council, said: "I hope that other districts and city councils will join us to put the best case for the new council for their areas."

"Other people don't want it. I think they will see that one unitary council offers the best way to protect services from future cuts and get the most out of a single council of Oxfordshire that Oxfordshire people want."

Ed Harvey MP for Oxford and Witney, was also pleased with the proposal.

He said: "You designed that unitary proposals are being taken forward. The leaders of the Vale and South Oxfordshire know where that responsibility comes from. They are long-term, sustainable. It is vital that any unitary proposal does that and I am confident that it will. I urge the government to look at that proposal seriously."

The three councils plan to jointly submit the bid to the Secretary of State in March.

Services delivered by One Oxfordshire through merging of services and functions between the two councils could be up to 240,000 a week.



Oxfordshire County Council leader Ian Hedges (right) and Vale of White Horse Council leader John Cotton (left) support the proposal for One Oxfordshire last month.

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More protest against Trump travel ban

Eve Atkinson is Reporter

A SECOND wave of protests against US President Donald Trump's travel ban took place in Oxford and London last weekend.

Barclay's president at Carlton Tower, on Cannon Street, gathered around 100 people who were standing up against the US president's executive order which blocks people from seven Muslim-majority countries entering the United States.

The protest was organised by Oxford Stand Up to Racism, Oxford Stop the War Coalition, Oxford Peoples Assembly and Oxford Muslims.

It followed a wave of protests across the city in the last 10 years with an attendance of 3,000 people.

Thousands of protesters also gathered from the US Embassy to Downing Street on Sunday.

Marwan Abouel, joint chair of Oxford Stand Up to Racism, said: "There is a link between discriminatory statements by politicians and racist attacks and hate crimes on the street. The huge protests against Trump's executive order, like those the potential against the racist leadership of the police where it belongs."

Protesters then began shouting "Black lives matter" and "Trump out" and the men began making gestures, and some were making gestures.



Protesters demonstrating in Oxford. Picture: Oxford Stand Up to Racism

Dafny Argente, Women's Oxfordshire Standing Committee member, said: "In a recent letter to Theresa May, Jeremy Corbyn demands that she withdraws her offer to Donald Trump to allow his wife to travel to the UK to support his wife's work."

"Women's Oxfordshire fully supports the letter to the Labour Party leader. We are pleased to join our voices with other Oxford groups opposing the racist, misogynist, and sexist policies of Trump."

Oxford City Council councillor Greg Morris said: "We must not let Trump get away with his vile racist remarks of Muslims. His comments for him to respect others when it is his own Government that is being divisive and extreme."

President Trump imposed the order on January 27.

The ban has sparked protests globally, with a 10-mile protest in the city of London's White House and a 10-mile protest in the city of London's White House.

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for and against unitary proposal for six to become one

Plan would 'wipe out 1,000 years of city government'



THE BIG Oxfordshire campaign has led to a new wave of heated local elections, with candidates splitting those for and against much more than the middle.

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils have joined up with Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) much faster than the council in the Oxford City Council and the Oxfordshire Council.

Leader of Oxford City Council, Barry Wood, appears the new unitary proposal will be the one to be rejected in the next election.

He said: "The county council and South and Vale district councils have caused chaos and confusion by launching a new set of proposals."

"The creation of a unitary council is unacceptable to the city."

"A thousand years of city government the Oxford would be wiped out and replaced with little more than a patchwork."

"An unitary council for the whole county would not give the city the priority it deserves."

He added: "Together with our colleagues in Chelmsford and West Oxfordshire we would argue for the council to make sure the city is not left behind."

Barry Wood, leader of Oxford City Council, said: "When the county

council's proposals for a single unitary authority were first unveiled, they were met with a mixture of support and opposition with Oxford City and the county's other district councils - including South and Vale."

"But that these two district councils have now decided to support the county's proposals does not alter my position or opinion that these plans would wreck devastation on the very

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Leader of Oxford City Council, Barry Wood

people I am elected to represent."

"Time and again Oxfordshire County Council has proven its support in supporting its district and unitary authorities. It is essential that we give up just one year to the county council to ensure that the county is not left behind."

"The idea of a one-size-fits-all council is nonsense. And we certainly should not be giving such power to

the hands of an authority which has not managed the services of its own area."

"By proposing a single unitary authority, Oxfordshire County Council - with the support of South and Vale - is clearly proposing a single point of failure and it is not realistic that we will suffer the consequences."

James Mills, leader of West Oxfordshire District Council, said: "The Oxfordshire proposal may seem attractive on the surface, but despite a little deeper, we can see the adverse impacts it will have on our residents and how it is likely to damage our district."

He added: "One Oxfordshire proposal is a single unitary authority, but this is a single point of failure and it is not realistic that we will suffer the consequences."

He said that the plans to give up all the county council's services to the new unitary authority would be a disaster.

"We are already saving the OCC a huge amount of money by not merging with the county council."

He concluded: "My purpose as a district councillor is to ensure that the county is not left behind and that the county council is not left behind."

Pete Doherty to star at Truck



STOCKPORT: Pete Doherty, the 37-year-old singer, will be the star of the new album 'Truck'.

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Behaviour order for teenager with stun gun

A 17-YEAR-OLD has been served with a behaviour order after being caught with a stun gun in a public place.

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last year and sentenced to Oxford Magistrates Court on Thursday last week.

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Woman threw chips in racial abuse attack

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Council u-turn over funding gives family centre a lifeline

By Antonia Lewis, Reporter

THE under threat South Abingdon Children's Centre could be saved by OX 166 from Abingdon Town Council should they decide the right business plan is being put forward.

Abingdon Town Council pledged to provide the centre with £100,000 a year for the next three years to help save it from closure after Oxfordshire County Council cut funding.

The South Abingdon centre, which has one of the county's most deprived areas within its catchment, was one of 31 out of the county's 10 centres that were due to close Friday night in March. In October 2015, Abingdon Town Council turned down a proposal to support the centre with a £100,000 grant.

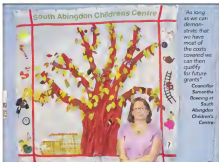
The proposal, which was actually put to residents and that split the council, with Labour voting for and Conservatives against.

Town councillor Maria Lewis defended the proposal at the time, saying: "We are very aware of the children treated and the results look it up."

But £100,000 is a big job when we are small council, and I don't see how we can do it. The centre is a business and we are not a business. The centre is a business and we are not a business. The centre is a business and we are not a business.

Local Friday also said: "I have been a member of the Abingdon Children's Centre for many years and I am sure that the centre is a business and we are not a business. The centre is a business and we are not a business. The centre is a business and we are not a business."

"We have now agreed to not make a bid for the centre to be saved."



ing a formal application that we require for any grant funding for the safeguarding of taxpayers money."

"I would hope that the Town Council has offered support that most permanent funding will be forthcoming."

Councillor Antonia Lewis, who set up the South Abingdon Community Group to drive a business plan in the centre, said: "One of the hardest things is that the county council has not made the grant for the centre."

She said: "I want to say that it is an extraordinary situation. In fact, we have got something. It is quite unusual we didn't get the money to do it. The new services could have taken over."

She added: "As long as we can demonstrate that we have most of the coats covered we can then qualify for future grants." She said there are potential partnerships at the popular but this is not for certain at the moment.

In relation to the county's decision to fund, she said: "I don't think we could do the difference in many other ways. Nothing has been done for the last six years."

Ms Lewis said the centre will close at the end of March pending the final decision from the county council.

Energy funding grants on offer

OXFORD Private sector landlords to submit an application to apply for funding to improve their energy efficiency. The deadline for applications is 10 April 2017.

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Landlords can now benefit from a new grant of funding from the Oxford Trust that can be used to improve energy efficiency in their properties. The grant can be used to improve energy efficiency in their properties. The grant can be used to improve energy efficiency in their properties.

Waste service

OXFORD Residents are being asked to send their household waste to the new Oxfordshire Waste Recycling Centre. The centre is located at the Oxfordshire Waste Recycling Centre. The centre is located at the Oxfordshire Waste Recycling Centre.

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Oxfordshire's top 10 most popular baby names

JACK and LEO have been named as Oxfordshire's most popular baby names in 2016.

A total of 147 babies were registered in the county during 2016 with popular names chosen similar to those in 2015. Oxfordshire County Council's (OCC) Registration Service has said.

For girls, Amelia dropped to second place behind Lily while Ann, Sophia, Eve and Sophie entered the top 10.

For boys, Jack kept its place in the top 10 at number one, with Jacob, Thomas and Samuel also entering the top 10 in 2016. The top 10 names for boys in 2016 were: 1. Jack, 2. Leo, 3. Oliver, 4. Noah, 5. William, 6. James, 7. Thomas, 8. Harry, 9. George, 10. Benjamin.

Oxfordshire's most popular girl names for 2016 (2015)

1. Lily (Amelia)
2. Amelia (Lily)
3. Olivia (Sophia)
4. Sophia (Olivia)
5. Emily (Anna)
6. Ann (Sophia)
7. Sophia (Eve)
8. Eve (Sophia)
9. Isabella (Sophia)
10. Sophia (Isabella)

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NEWS

Closing bridge will not 'solve the problem over air quality'

By Antonia Lewis, Reporter

THOUGH to close Watlington bridge to cars at peak times will still be introduced after the agreed round of consultation.

A public consultation on the proposals launched in September last and the last proposal was aimed at tackling poor air quality as a result of cars using the bridge and the local up on the single-track bridge.

Suey Halford, South Oxfordshire District Council (SOCD) cabinet member for environmental health, said the second round of consultation started two weeks ago with suggested measures.

He said: "The people in Watlington have a lot to say about what is most important to them. Their health and the health of their children, or driving around the town."

He added that suggestions like a ferry will be a vertical wall of problems, suggesting the area is air quality and mean that keeping the bridge open would be more viable.

Mr Halford added: "The second round of consultation is to close the bridge at busier times but Watlington people have to decide what's most important."

The plan, which could include



A consultation is running over a plan to close Watlington bridge

hybrid and electric cars, have divided residents in Watlington Town Council. County councillor for Watlington, Lynda Adams is campaigning for the bridge to stay open.

Mr Adams said: "Air quality is a very serious issue. I believe, though, that we need to make sure that in solving one problem we don't create others."

"The traffic going over the bridge would not disappear if measures to

close the bridge were taken across one of the other bridges, taking a longer route, travelling for longer and creating even more congestion."

"For residents, local businesses would suffer from lost trade."

"There are other measures that can be taken such as signs asking drivers to switch off their engines perhaps combined with signs to tell for longer showing how long it will be closed the longer they go. People

who have spoken to me want those signs and many others to be properly looked at before any changes are made."

Watlington Town councillor Adrian Lloyd said the proposal is "simple and absolutely robust" and that there is an overwhelming response that the bridge should stay open.

An online petition to 'Keep Watlington bridge open' has collected over 100 signatures.

Mr Lloyd added: "I don't believe it will solve pollution problems."

"It is likely it will make it worse because it's negative in other areas of the town. What is required is a proper detailed traffic survey that looks at how it the traffic comes across the town."

In 2014, air quality levels in Watlington were breaking EU and European standards.

SOCD then launched a drive to cut nitrogen dioxide levels, warning it could have chronic health effects.

Watlington is a village of about 100 cars divided into roughly four categories: cars, taxis, the bridge could reduce emissions by 10 per cent.

The council meeting to discuss this will be held next month.



MP's visit to

OXFORD West and Abingdon MP and under secretary for health Nicola Blackwood visited an Oxford hospital on World Cancer Day to highlight the importance of all women's health such as breast cancer. The Public Health and Innovation Measures visited the Oxford Cancer Centre at Churchill Hospital on Saturday to see state-of-

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Power station demolition company sees profits fall

By Antonia O'Leary

THE company responsible for the demolition of Dublin's oldest power station has announced a 20 per cent drop in profits.

Columbus & Company's net profit had fallen to €1.5m between 2015 and 2016 after the company lost the contract to demolish the building following the death of four people following its partial collapse almost a year ago, on February 13.

Karl Connolly, 37, John Stone, 35, Michael Collins, 33, and Christopher Huxtable, 31, died in the collapse.

One man, Mr Collins, was found in the immediate aftermath of the collapse and a mission to search the debris for the missing three men was started 20 days after the collapse due to fears the rest of the building could fall.

The first body to be recovered after six months of searching was that of Mr Huxtable, who was recovered on August 31.

Mr Connolly was found in September 7 and Mr Stone was the last to be recovered, on September 11.

An investigation into the cause of

the collapse is ongoing and Columbus is awaiting its findings as it is responsible for any compensation.

Following the collapse, SEAI inspectors who went to the site said: "The main reason that part of the boiler house collapsed while an external demolition contractor was working on it, I don't think are with the failure of those involved in this tragedy."

In May 2016, Columbus & Company was retained from the recovery operation to find the missing workers but was due to become work to clear the site.

Demolition firm Savers and Ryan were hired to manage recovery work instead.

A statement from Columbus & Company said: "We're not satisfied that we will not be continuing with the remaining demolition activities clear site work at Dublin 1 Power Station. We agreed with site owners SEAI that this is at the best interests of all parties."

"We would like to thank SEAI for their support over the last two years."

After the fatal incident, managing director Mark Coleman said: "For the families, the loss of their husbands, partners, fathers, brothers and sons



The collapsed boiler house at Dublin Power Station

is an absolute tragedy and everyone at Columbus & Company is deeply sorry for their loss.

"The families of Chris Huxtable, Murray Connolly and John Stone, have had to endure an agonising wait for their loved ones to be recovered and during this time we have witnessed a spirit of superhuman and

support for each other."

Military personnel and equipment were called in to help recover the three men missing in the wreckage. The military and were used with other agencies including the police to assist in the recovery of the three men long building.

Lucky escape from house fire

SAFETY There was a lucky escape for occupants of a two-story house after a fire in Glenties Road.

Three fire engines from Rathbarry, Dedington and Rush Green Fire Stations attended the scene shortly after making an emergency.

Firefighters were involved under following from the house from the open front door and the smoke alarm sounding.

Crews quickly entered the building and assisted the two occupants from the house and treated them for smoke inhalation before Irish Coast Airservices helicopter arrived.

There were no serious injuries. The cause of the fire is unknown at this stage and Irish Coast Airservices is working with Thurston Valley Police to determine the cause.

A40 misery for motorists



The recovery operation under way

Picture: Dripex

CAUTION Drivers heading to work on Monday morning will be frustrated when a crash on the A40 at Bandon Gate shortly after 7am.

The vehicle was recovered and taken away for repairs shortly after 7am.

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Pub receives an unexpected delivery

THESE was a lucky escape for pubgoers and a close shave for a car involved in a crash and nearly involved in a fire.

The car crashed into the wall of a lounge garage over the river Ouse in Woodstock, next to The Black Horse Pub, shortly after 4pm on Thursday last week.

The driver had lost control of the vehicle and crashed into the wall.

Nobody was seriously injured but Paul Mallon, from Delamont, and Brian Bennett, ran the pub and the pub's partner had "a very lucky escape".

Source: County of Cork

Service treated the driver at the scene and taken to the hospital for a check.

Fire engines from Dedington and Slieve Park, Collier attended. Mr Mallon added that if the crash was a few inches earlier, the car would have crashed into the pub, or ended up in the river.

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Sex assault: CCTV released

WITNESS Police have released CCTV images after a sex offender was seriously assaulted in Witney just before Christmas.

On December 13 between 8pm and 8.30pm, a witness walking her dog on Market Square was approached by a man she described her dog barking loudly.

She subsequently left the area. The witness said: "The way he only very quickly for the victim and to suggest with any collaboration about the incident is asked to get in touch."

Thames Valley Police has now released the images of a man they consider to be a suspect in the assault.

Anyone who recognises the man is asked to contact officers on 101.



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New life for family centre

THAMES Family support organisation the First Kids Centre, has been given a new lease of life.

Funding has been secured for the next year to maintain the service with organisations continuing to get enough funding for the next three years, providing support for pre-school children and their families. Local charity sharing Aid Trust will continue to fund the service from April. The proposal for the future of the First Kids Family Centre is supported by a charitable independent organisation. From February 10th year ERPF is the Co-op is a charity of the year.

Flood project

OXFORD As part of the North west and Western Flood Alleviation Scheme, Oxford City Council is leading a group of North Oxford Community and Council. Plans for the Flood Alleviation Scheme are to be implemented in the next few years.

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Mayor's charity race night

ABINGDON A charity race night at Abingdon Sports Ground will help raise funds for Little Trampers and Children's Welfare.

The Mayor of Abingdon-on-Thames, Councillor Alice Eadwell, is sponsoring the night.

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'Village's character and history would be changed by homes'

By Antonia Jones, Reporter

A PROPOSAL for 44 houses on the edge of Uffington has caused concern in the area due to 'villaged' status and the potential of 'villaged' status. The proposal for the future of the village (local) was put forward by the Uffington Residents' Association and the Uffington Residents' Association. The Uffington Residents' Association has already held a meeting with the Uffington Residents' Association.

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Uffington Plan Steering Group and any further development of this area should take the results of this study into account.

"Developers should wait for the village plan before submitting new planning applications."

Timothy Brown, an Uffington resident who opposes the development, objected because of the 'villaged' status of the village and the 'villaged' status of the village.

She added: "I do not object to the development of the village, but I do object to the development of the village."

Another resident said: "The current infrastructure in the village is inadequate to deal with the addition of 44 houses. For example, as infrastructure improvements were made when Jack's Lane was developed and this is already having an impact."

"The proposed development would significantly increase the amount of road and potential flooding."

"Residents and locals already living in the village and have already living in the village and have already living in the village."

The village is no longer a 'villaged' area. The village is no longer a 'villaged' area. The village is no longer a 'villaged' area.

Roger Lyndell Green, a long-term resident of Uffington, said: "For some time people have argued the case from the Conservation and the development of the village. But I have heard the wrong."

Uffington residents Nigel Leach and Angela Munn said: "The development would potentially damage the fundamental character of the village. They said: "The village is no longer a 'villaged' area. The village is no longer a 'villaged' area."

Could Scandinavian-inspired walking be the thing for you?



Nordic walking originated in the 1930s in Finland

GOVERNMENT are being urged to take part in walking courses - but with a twist. Nordic walking is a full body workout that uses poles to aid movement. It is a great way to get fit and healthy.

A one-week course at Barry Island Park will be held on Thursday 10th to 16th. A one-week course at Barry Island Park will be held on Thursday 10th to 16th.

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It was 10 years ago that the major insurers, people have 10 to 15 per cent more money by using poles while walking, and it takes the physical strain off knees and joints. The city council has already funded a walking course for those who have previously completed a course in Nordic Walking and wanted to brush up on their technique. To book your place on the course contact barry@barry.gov.uk.

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Sports complex will be a 'hub of activity'

George Whitham Reporter

PLANS for a major new sports park the size of 16 football pitches will have been approved.

The new sports park at Harpsfield Road, which will be funded by Oxford City Council, will be home to football and cricket pitches, a new arena, a gym, changing rooms and a school facility.

Planning permission to transform the site near the A4014 plant was previously only granted after a planning meeting on Wednesday last week.

The newly identified plans for the 26-acre plot of land in December and now includes four football diamonds and is currently looking at a redevelopment of Harpsfield Road sports field cycling club.

BMF has agreed to provide £1.1m to fund the new project to replace the sports ground that was previously run by the former sports club Social Club. The developer's contribution from BMF will be decided at a separate planning meeting.

Work will start on the new facility, which will be designed and operated by Fusion Leisure, next month.

Football pitches and the park are due to be completed in January next year, while the grass pitches, which will be used for tennis, will be open in summer 2018.

Councillor Rob Price, leader of the city council, said: "Our great sports ground has been the ground on that we have started to develop our new sports park."

"For our local football, cricket and softball teams it will become a real hub of activity and we hope that the cycling circuit can also be included as there is a strong need for off-road cycling paths in the area."

The town the city council took on from BMF is to be used to run the current facility open in December.

Although it remains unclear whether Oxford United will move into the new site at this stage, Paul has been set

aside for the town's buildings as per council plans.

The club previously agreed to use Oxford City FC's grounds at Court Place for its training facility last month.

Fusion Leisure, a registered charity, has been given the right to develop the site. The company is a joint venture between the City of Oxford and the Oxford City Football Club. The company is also a joint venture between the City of Oxford and the Oxford City Football Club.

The club's director of business development, said: "We are delighted that planning permission has been granted for the new sports park and we look forward to working with the club and with the local community to create the new facility and then ensure that it is a place people as possible can go to enjoy their leisure time."

FULL LIST OF FACILITIES

The full list of facilities is as follows:

- Four football diamonds (tennis court)
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X Factor star joins Oxford youngsters for a busk at train station

Alex Scott, Reporter

A X Factor winner Matt Terry joins a young Oxford choir to perform the song 'I'm a Believer' when he performs in a busk at a busy train station ahead of World Cancer Day.

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Bella, Ruby and Jessica raised £60 through their fundraising

Girls bracelets for Blue Cross

A group of three children, aged 6 to 10, for Blue Cross got busy at Burford by making and selling hundreds of friendship bracelets at school.

Year 5 pupils Bella Tarnock and her two friends Ruby Solis and Jessica Banks came up with the idea to make and sell the bracelets at North Kington School.

The girls, all aged seven, made and sold an impressive 300 bracelets during break time at school after being given permission by their head teacher.

The children raised Blue Cross Burford to deliver the money they had raised and were given a tour of the centre as a thank you. Lucy Gormley, Burford manager, said: "We were so proud as

parents as they not only made the bracelets but also donated T-shirts and posters and set up the stall in the school hall all by themselves and managed the float and change."

"Each an encouraging thing to see at this age and it's for such a great cause. I'm so happy that they had passion etc about raising money to help animals."

Blue Cross receives independent funding so relies on the generosity of supporters like Bella, Ruby and Jessica.

Jessie Martin, Blue Cross Burford centre manager, said: "It was an absolute pleasure to meet these girls after all the hard work they put into making and selling the bracelets to help Blue Cross."



Out of this world again!

Major Tim set to return for second mission

George Welsh Reporter

BRITAIN'S most famous astronaut has announced he will be returning to the International Space Station (ISS) for a second mission with the (skunked) brand, European Space Agency (ESA).

Tim Peake, who spent seven weeks in the ISS last year, revealed he would be returning to the station as an astronaut at London's Science Museum, where he was awarded

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20th June - 24th July	£150	25th March - 29th March	£150
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Major Tim Poole, pictured far left, with the Syrian capsule that brought him back to earth and shots taken during his travels in space of Italy, Tunisia and the British Isles.

Picture: Photo, Space

with the charred Syrian capsule that brought him back to Earth last June.

But others about his next education with the ODA, based at Poles Jordan, remain silent as the mission as yet to be named or scheduled will be unlikely to take place before 2012 according to reports. Of his future mission, Major Poole told Sky News: "It's what every astronaut wants to do."

"Signed and my destination from 2012, we are all going to get the second mission in the space station, which is wonderful."

"The work is being done as we heard the space station is already being built and it's already being built."

He added: "It is only natural to want to return. The one thing you miss is the smell of the planet, it is the most wonderful."



Did you remember this?

The event at London on January 29 marked a display for the Syrian capsule brought back to Earth for the first time.

Major Poole visited the event, which was held at the Science Museum in London, and was accompanied by Syrian TNA, still new to display showing a few more from its entry.

The 44-year-old became the

first British astronaut to join a TNA mission in December 2011, when he launched the first, the Syrian rocket from Kazakhstan. He spent six months in the space station.

He visited the Syrian TNA last year to speak to school children and made a speech at a conference in the European Parliament in London to mark the launch of the Syrian rocket and its role in the Syrian mission.

Overwhelming support for plans for new look Templars Square

MORE than 90 per cent of Oxford people support an ambitious plan to regenerate a City shopping centre, a survey has revealed.

Feedback has been set in stone at two public sessions in the heart of the city to transform the Templars Square shopping centre.

Nowhere, the mayor of Templars Square, introduced a plan and application to Oxford City Council in November, which would see 100 new homes, a new 70-bed hotel and the creation of a new park.

More than 1,000 residents and businesses attended two public meetings last week, events that offered people a chance to give their views on the development plan over the proposals.

Of those who expressed an opinion in the registration phase for the shopping centre, 90 per cent were in favour.

Eden 220 respondents were asked whether they supported the proposals. A total of 44 people said yes, 28 were unsure, 24



Artur's impression of the redevelopment of Templars Square.

and he said 13 did not express an opinion.

Artur Whatfield, development manager at Redfern said: "We are thrilled with the level of support for these exciting plans, which will be the first significant and long overdue regeneration in the heart of the city."

"Our investment proposals present a real opportunity to transform Templars Square and Parkman Tower Road, as well as the surrounding area and parks over

the shopping centre."

"We have worked closely with the community and the local authority over the past two years to shape these proposals and the support we've received is an amazing testament to this."

The proposals will preserve the existing shops within Templars Square and will create almost 50 new jobs, alongside 100 construction jobs.

The application is due to be determined in the coming weeks.

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Burglary charge

DECCOT, A man from Dorchester has been charged following a burglary in Dorset.

Ruben Beldrick, aged 44, of Ford Hill, Dorchester, is charged with burglary, which was committed in Dorchester last week and charged the same day with one count of burglary resulting.

The charge relates to an incident that occurred at approximately 10.30pm on Wednesday between December 11 and 12 last year.

Beldrick has been released to appear at Dorset Magistrates Court on February 13.

Bogus tax calls

W OODEN West Dorchester men in their 40s are being warned in a grand appeal to bogus tax calls, which they are being told could lead to a fine of up to £5,000.

Several residents have contacted West Dorchester District Council, saying they have been contacted by 'bogus tax' men, who are asking them to pay a 'tax' of up to £5,000.

One of the men, who is a resident of the town, said he was told that he had to pay a 'tax' of up to £5,000, which he was told was a 'one-off' payment.

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A whole feast of career ideas at fest

Eva Antoniadou Reporter

THE Dorchester Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) held its eighth annual careers fair last week, opening its doors to 1,200 students from 20 Dorchester schools and colleges.

The Careers Fair took place at the Dorchester Guild Hall and brought together more than 50 employers and training organisations that provided a range of career options in a variety of industries.

Students had the opportunity to talk with local employers and apprentices to find out about their jobs and the industry.

Each employer had a personal activity on offer, giving the students a feel for what a job entails.

Students had the chance to experience a real-world job with Dorchester's local business, Dorchester Energy, which is a local business.

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organised the need for a flexible and well-trained workforce, enabling it to maintain our economic potential in a global, national and international context."

James Gifford, manager of Apprenticeship Training Centre at BMS, said: "This is an event that really helps to give young people a taste of what the real world is like, and it's an excellent opportunity to showcase our Apprenticeship training programme and to encourage young people to consider a training career with us."



CELF CEO Mike Tappin and Deputy Chair of CELF Martin Lister and a staff member, trying out some virtual reality. Pictures: @DorchesterLEP



Above, youngsters explore the food and get some advice. Pictures: @DorchesterLEP



The trainee ticketed Jenny Heywood said to travel from Newcastle to Oxford, Picture: Jenny Heywood/2014/01/01

Fan's ticket to chaotic journey

A NEWCASTLE United fan has been told his money is not refundable for his Newcastle to Oxford train journey, which was cancelled on the day.

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Ex-scout leader jailed for child sex offences

A FORMER scout leader convicted for a number of child sex offences in Dorchester has been sentenced to a prison term of 18 months.

Gary Lane, 41, of Portland Road, Dorchester, was sentenced to 18 months in Dorchester Prison for a number of child sex offences.

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Earth Trust improvement plans given the green light

By Antonine Roberts

THE Earth Trust's planning application to make improvements to its facilities has been approved after "overwhelming and backing" support.

The South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) Planning Committee approved the application for the centre in Little Wymondley on Wednesday last week.

The plans include a new skills and learning building, improvements to the landscape, a much extended café and farm shop specialising in local produce from the area, and new car parking areas.

Jayne Moly, chief executive of the Earth Trust said, "This is fantastic news for everyone who enjoys this special place."

"Every visitor, be they a walker or a family choosing a picnic, a child on a school trip, or a volunteer helping to look after this special place, they will all benefit from the planned improvements, some they see at once."

"The support shown for the Earth Trust last night was overwhelming and backing, a reminder that increased childhood awareness of environ-

ment, playing and being outdoors can lead to a lifetime love of the environment, and the countryside is the place that people do want to do something to look after."

The group added, "It is a delight that it was recognised that the plans will ensure the continued protection of this ancient and scenic landscape, whilst also improving and enhancing the experience for visitors."

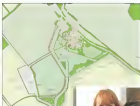
Councillor Lynne Adams, county councillor for Wallingford and the Wymondley, said, "The Earth Trust plans are the result of probably the most comprehensive and carefully managed consultation process I have seen."

"They listened to what was said before incorporating the much valued plans, making some fairly significant changes along the way."

With more houses and businesses planned within South Oxfordshire, the centre provides that visitors can see what nature has to offer. The future, the community was divided over the development plans.

The Wymondley Civil Parish Council approved the application on the grounds of the effect on local landscape.

Little Wymondley Parish Council



Approved of the application with no strong tones.

The application has received both positive and negative feedback from nearby residents.

The Earth Trust is a local, environmental charity, learning organisation. The site serves to promote health and wellbeing, opportunities within the local rural economy.



Councillor Lynne Adams

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Sporting Primary School of the year, sponsored by Lights 2 Sport With South Primary School



Sporting Secondary School of the year, sponsored by Oxfordshire County Council Public Health Team Edward George High School



Young volunteer, National Citizens Service Robie Briggs for hockey



Junior Team of the year, sponsored by Oxford City Council Oxfordshire Cricket Under 15s



Disability Sports Award, sponsored by GLL Wincey Wilkes Rugby 57M



Junior Sports Person of the year, sponsored by GLL David Muggie for swimming



Special Recognition Award Nicki Lewis



Club of the year, sponsored by Pubs/Lifestyle Oxford City Athletics Club



Catch of the year, sponsored by Mosaic Events Alicia Moxart for catfish



Sports Team of the year, sponsored by Grosvenor Oxford United Football Club

The winners and runners up of each category were:

Sportswoman of the year - Sponsored by BBC Oxford
Winner: Aislinn Tighe Hodge, Rowing
Runner up: Tim Stephens, Athletics
Runner up: Kyma Anthony, Dance

Sportswoman of the year - Sponsored by Oxford Mail
Winner: Frances Hougham, Rowing
Runner up: Lucy Smith, Cricket
Runner up: Kate Williamson, Rowing

Active Workplace Award - Sponsored by Legacy Lifecare
Winner: Oxford Health University
Runner up: Oxfordshire Council

Commissioning Group
Runner up: Health Education England - Thames Valley

Club of the year - Sponsored by Pubs/Lifestyle
Winner: Oxford City Athletics Club
Runner up: Oxford All Blacks RFC
Runner up: Abingdon Gymnastics Club

Catch of the year - Sponsored by Mosaic Events
Winner: Marla Martin, Athletics
Runner up: Kelly Collins, Snorkelling
Runner up: Daniel Smith-Ward, Ice skating

Disability Sports Award - Sponsored by GLL
Winner: Wincey Wilkes Rugby 57M
Runner up: Oxfordshire Exams

Adaptive Cricket Club
Runner up: Big, Bold and Balance

Junior Sports Person of the year - Sponsored by GLL
Winner: David Murphy, Swimming
Runner up: Miriam Philpott, Hockey
Runner up: Benjamin Goodall, Gymnastics/tennis

Junior Team of the year - Sponsored by Oxford City Council
Winner: Oxfordshire Cricket Under 15s
Runner up: Henley Rowing Club
Junior Women's Under 16
Runner up: Gosford Hill School Under 15s football

Sporting Primary School of the year - Sponsored by Lights 2 Sport
Winner: Withersouth Primary School

Runner up: Lydney Primary School
Runner up: Warwick C of E Primary School

Sporting Secondary School of the year - Sponsored by Oxfordshire County Council Public Health Team
Winner: Russell George High School
Runner up: The Charnock School
Runner up: King Alfred's Academy

Sports Development or Project of the year - Sponsored by Oxfordshire Sport & Physical Activity Board
Winner: Active Sport High School
Runner up: Pisham
Runner up: Sportsweek Street Hockey

Sports Team of the year - Sponsored by Grosvenor
Winner: Oxford United Football Club

Runner up: Oxford United American Football
Runner up: Hafford Rowmen Compound Clay Team

Young Volunteer - Mosaic Events
Winner: Robbie Seery, Hockey
Runner up: David Smith, Football
Runner up: Lee McDonald, Football

Unsung Hero - The Ashmolean Museum
Winner: Robbie Aston, Table tennis
Runner up: Oxfordshire Evelyn Hockey
Runner up: Peter Tones, Rowing and kayaking

Special Recognition Award
Winner: Nick Harris



George Welch Reporter

OXFORDSHIRE'S 5 best swimmers, women and sports clubs enjoyed a night of celebration at the 10th annual Oxfordshire Sports Awards.

A total of 15 accolades were awarded as the county's best athletes and clubs were honoured following a memorable night of sporting achievement.

As an Olympic year, it was no surprise to see rowing - Oxfordshire's sporting event - claim the top prize at the ceremony, which took place at the Radisson Slade in Oxford on January 31. Andrew Tighe (Worcester) was Sports star of the Year after dominating gold in the men's eight alongside fellow Oxfordshire athletes David Bennett and Will Jinks at the Rio 2016 games. The former Oxford University Boat Club member also claimed gold with the men's eight at the European Championships and London 2012 Games. Previous winners and Oxford-based Pisham Rowing was awarded the Sportsman of the Year prize. The 24-year-old was part of a five-



County's best honoured at awards

Very exciting indeed – a night to remember that was an historic silver – Oxford's first in the event – alongside four Leicester men, including the Oxford Demagogue.

Oxford United played American football side Oxford United and the English Football Federation's Oxford United.

First League Two and the Oxfordshire cup winners.

Chesham, Oxford United, second in the Oxford and District Table Tennis for more than 30 years received the Oxford News award.

This year's winners were a mixed number of women's teams across all the categories, who were honoured at a glitzy night.



Sportsperson of the year, sponsored by BBC Oxford:
Andrew Briggs Hodge for winning



Sportswoman of the year, sponsored by Oxford Mail:
Phyllis Hughes for winning



Young Hero, The Ashmolean Museum: Oxford United for table tennis.
All pictures: Ben Hodge



Guests at the sports awards, including Oxfordshire County Council leader Sir Huwark, at the front, joined in the fun

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ENTERTAINMENT

At the cinema *with Laurie Bailey*

20th Century Women (15)



Mearndering, self-satisfied 1970s family drama

America Boring and Lanes Aids Boreman in 20th Century Women
Picture: Michael Muller, courtesy of A24

Mike Mills takes the Director's chair and Screenwriter's drinks in what's a verges on being all-right story about a single working mother and her adolescent son in 1970s. The screenplay has been nominated for an Oscar - which makes little sense to me.

At 55, Director (Michael Boring) has longed to story that she's communicating poorly with her teenage son, James (Lanes Aids Boreman). She's also concerned at the lack of suitable male role models for him during this crucial phase. Her father having left the family many years previously. So naturally she enters the halls of Julie (Julie Perren) - her years down career and one of her best friends, and Julie (Gina Gershon) a mid-20s photographer looking at three houses.

A series of scenes of taboos follows, with all involved in various various classroomed lessons about life and love, and for some reason, female sexuality. Every thing is presented with an artistic



use of script and technique. As if watching young people discuss low authentic 70s punk is while listening their own emotional and violent with meaning that no further thought is required. Michael's film explores how hard and the value of time in relationships are not rare, and 20th Century Women offers nothing new to the classroom apart from a remarkable sense of self-education (it is apparently self-education) he told.

The score by Roger Neill is especially meditative, but it's a slightly uncomfortable fit. It makes the direct atmosphere of public

themselves the strong cast is let down by a sometimes script and self-indulgent (if pretty) direction.

health education advice. Luckily, America Boring provides some real class, managing to turn Mike's long script into something middle-aged self-reflection and doubt, while Billy Crudup works well as almost-helpless Wilson.

The bright cinematography is also a boost for the story, making something out of history natural enough to show off the 70s setting, but it's not enough to save the film.

Ultimately, a very strong cast is let down by pointless writing and self-indulgent (if pretty) direction - don't believe the hype.

Worried about not having anything to do during half term? Here are a few ideas for you

The Adventure of Book Film
Saturday, February 10, 10.30am
The Story Museum, Oxford
A fantastic Book Film activity with puppets and author Emma Carroll. Children aged eight and over. Tickets £4.

Energy Crawl
Monday, February 13, 10am
Earth Trust Centre, Abingdon
You'll be the hero. Learn all energy everything about energy. You'll explore the energy source and then create a comic inspired by what you see. Tickets £20.

Mad Plan Monday
Monday, February 13, 10am
Earth Trust Centre, Abingdon
Drop in for Mad Plan Monday! Tons of mad and mad ideas at 10am in the Earth Trust Centre garden. The mad ideas whose purpose will be to help the opportunity to help create, read stories in our notebooks. We'll be and everyone's welcome. Tickets £4.

Left Building: Moving About in Books
Monday, February 13, 11am
The Story Museum, Oxford
Inspired by Kenneth Grahame's The Wind in the Willows, join Jennifer Oxford for some exciting storytelling as we move about with books. Tickets £5 to £7.

Camel Art Family Workshop
Monday, February 13, 1pm
Oxford Town Hall, Oxford



Find out more about the history of Oxford's canals and the historical, 'Canals and Towns' art of the people who lived on the water. There's a lot of painting and drawing on the walls. (all art styles) Free, drop-in. This is a free event.

Neil Cape's Family Music
Monday, February 13, 1.30pm
Milton Park, Milton
Milton Park's family music session will be a fun-filled afternoon of music and more. Tickets £4.

Water: Water
Monday, February 13, 11am
The Story Museum, Oxford
In the morning, kids in the workshop from 10am-11am, young engineers

Half-term fun is child's play!



will investigate sustainable energy by designing and building their own solar stills, using our outdoor 3D greenhouse. Tickets £5 to £7.

Spring Chalks
Monday, February 13 - Wednesday, February 15
Oxford University Museum of Natural History, Oxford
An exciting, hands-on experience telling the tales of seasons at the Museum. This is a free event.

Children's Jewellery Making
Monday, February 13 - Friday, February 17
Milton Park, Milton
Join Julie Taylor. These creative workshops will teach children how to create their very own jewellery. Each child will design and make their own personalised jewellery from either a necklace, bracelet, phone chain or more just a few. Tickets £5-9 per child.

More Musicals
Sunday, February 14, 10.30am
Bliss & Bowing, Blenheim, Windsor
Join the Clanger Choir and make Clanger's own musical masterpiece. Tickets £5.50.

Fabula in Fables
Sunday, February 14, 11am and 1pm
Bathurst Museum, Bathurst



A new chamber to use for creating beautiful and beautiful crystals clear up.

Laurie Bailey graduated with a degree in English but a love for film. He is an Oxford-based film critic, BBC Radio Oxford film columnist and host of the Super Bailey Bros in Movie Land podcast, for more go to lauriebailey.co.uk. He lives locally with his wife and daughter.



under the microscope. You can even explore what is under your own fingernails! Also discover why you need to eat a little bit of where you can find and keep it fresh, and lots of Dinosaur bone fossils to see and handle. You are welcome to bring along your fossil or expert opinion. Tickets £2.50

Stone Age Fun

Thursday, February 16, 10am
Vale & Downland Museum,
Wokingham
If you family activities all about the stone age where the children will bring a grown up with them. Free, but a donation is required

Who do you Love?

Thursday, February 16, 2pm
Karl's Trust Centre, Abingdon
Surrey's Quilting Group's top-top-up Pleasures to the Karl's Trust Centre? There'll be 30 minute class to the Pleasures followed by a discussion on quilting.

Pop up Planetarium

Thursday, February 16, 3pm
Karl's Trust Centre, Abingdon
Surrey's Quilting Group's top-top-up Pleasures to the Karl's Trust Centre? There'll be 30 minute class to the Pleasures followed by a discussion on quilting.

Wild at Heart: Love in the air
Thursday, February 16
Sutton Courtenay Environmental Education Centre
Visit Sutton Courtenay to find out what our amazing wildlife is up to! Visit Sutton Courtenay to find out what our amazing wildlife is up to! Visit Sutton Courtenay to find out what our amazing wildlife is up to!

Amesbury Art

Wednesday, February 15, 10am
Barnham Museum, Barnham
Did your great-grandfather go to the

got money? Plant, garden and garden model making! A day of creative fun making model gardens from your own ideas! You can even make your own model garden! You can even make your own model garden! You can even make your own model garden!

Wildlife Wednesday
Wednesday, February 15, 2pm
Wokingham Fields, Wokingham



Did you know, come and join us in Dorset to explore the reserve, hear about local wildlife and have lots of fun! Suggested donation £2 per child



Two space suit kids help get ready for life and our greenhouse in their toy rockets, launch pads and planet models. Before being whisked away into space on an adventure beyond their wildest dreams. Tickets £7

Build a Bird Box
Thursday, February 16, 10.30am and 1pm
Barnham Trust Centre, Abingdon
Take home a handmade bird box and help encourage more wildlife in your garden where all birds will be provided. Tickets £15 per box

Sharon the Sheep Model Making Workshop
Thursday, February 16, 10am, 1pm and 3pm
The Story Museum, Oxford



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Frage Garden
Thursday, February 16, 10am
Story Museum, Barnham
Prepare to be amazed as to what a horse garden has to offer! A huge display of horse-related facts and figures. Tickets £2

Inflatable Play Centre
Thursday, February 16 - Friday, February 17
Oxford Leisure Centre, Oxford



Let your children discover a whole world of activities during February! Karl's Trust Centre, Abingdon
Discover the world of the Stone Age! Discover the world of the Stone Age! Discover the world of the Stone Age!

The Adventures of Salsal the Snake
Friday, February 17, 10.30am and 1.30pm
Karl's Trust Centre, Abingdon

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Seapointing Workshop: Clark Tree
Saturday, February 18
Barnham Trust Centre, Abingdon
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The Bob Dylan Story



THE THEATRE, CHIPPING NORTON
The Bob Dylan Story is the new musical and acoustic tribute to a songwriting genius who spoke for a whole generation.
Fri, Feb 10

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CHIPPING NORTON, OXFORD
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Roy Wood



THE THEATRE, CHIPPING NORTON
Roy Wood, writer, singer, and actor, is known for his work with the band Spooky. He has been a member of the band Spooky for over 30 years. He has been a member of the band Spooky for over 30 years.

Oxford Revue Valentine's Special



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Ladyhawke



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 After the success of our acclaimed third season, we're back with Ladyhawke. A new show, a new cast, a new venue. Ladyhawke is back in Dorset for a new season.
 Thu, Feb 13

Andy Parsons



THE THEATRE, CHIPPING NORTON
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 Thu, Feb 13

Budapest Cafe Orchestra



THE THEATRE, CHIPPING NORTON
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Ellen Kent's La Boheme



NEW THEATRE, DORSET
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What's on in Oxford

Union J



CD THEATRE, DORSET
 This show was rescheduled from Sunday 9 October. Don't worry though, all tickets are valid for the new date. If you can't make it, you can get a refund or exchange your ticket for another date.
 Thu, Feb 13

Science Oxford: London's Burning



THE THEATRE, CHIPPING NORTON
 In this new show, Science Oxford presents a compelling experience of the Great Fire of London, from the start to the end, from the beginning to the end.
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Nearly Noel Gallagher's High Flyin' Birdz



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 Join us for a new season of Nearly Noel Gallagher's High Flyin' Birdz. A new show, a new cast, a new venue. Nearly Noel Gallagher's High Flyin' Birdz is back in Dorset for a new season.
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If you're a fan of the band, you'll want to see them live. They're back in Dorset for a new season. They're back in Dorset for a new season. They're back in Dorset for a new season.

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Workaholic



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 Join us for a new season of Workaholic. A new show, a new cast, a new venue. Workaholic is back in Dorset for a new season.
 Thu, Feb 13

The Princess and the Frog



COMEDIAN AFFAIRS CENTRE, DORSET
 The princess is going to be a frog. The princess is going to be a frog. The princess is going to be a frog. The princess is going to be a frog.
 Thu, Feb 13



Comedy hits the Mark in socialist Red Shed

By James Richards

Mark Thomas is a comedian who has been performing at Red Shed for over 10 years.

In recent years the 32-year-old has performed at Red Shed's 10th Anniversary, Chipping Norton Theatre, the Progress Theatre in Oxford and Oxford's Comedians Arts Centre on numerous occasions.

On Thursday, February 13, Mark will return at a different Oxfordshire venue as he makes his way to Oxford's North Wall Arts Centre as part of the Red Shed tour.

And while it's true the show will be a comedy show, it will also be a show that is a comedy show. It will be a show that is a comedy show. It will be a show that is a comedy show.

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FEATURE

Many people over 40 believe it can be good to break away from unhappiness

A mid-life crisis will cost you over £7,000

A mid-life crisis will cost people living the south coast an average of £7,111.36 and is likely to start at the age of 40 according to new research commissioned by A&F Association of Accounting & Finance.

The cost of £7,000.38 is the south coast's lowest when the UK average of £7,111.36 and the start of symptoms is younger than the UK average of 42.

The average mid-life crisis happened at the age of 40 years, and most respondents in the south coast identified the crisis between 35 and 45 as having been the best of their lives.

Despite this, almost two thirds (65 per cent) of people in the south coast still were of the view that a crisis was for a good thing, providing an opportunity to break away from stresses that cause unhappiness, and a chance to see new goals.

The impact of mid-life crises at the workplace is significant too – 20 per cent of respondents from the south coast said that they think mid-life crises happen most to people who have been in the same career for too long, believing that a change of career may be worth considering, regardless of age.

A third of people, 34 per cent of people in the south coast admitted to

feeling "lonely at night" when they think about the work that is not what they want. Surprisingly few women who want to retire said 34 per cent said they definitely wouldn't be working for the same company in 10 years' time.

The most common way to tackle a mid-life crisis was a change of career, with 20 per cent considering employers after the age of 40.

Gavin Hill, Chief HR Officer at A&F, the organisation that commissioned the survey, said: "This study found that change proportion of people have

left society about the direction their life has taken rather than one of the most common reasons for a mid-life crisis is dissatisfaction in the workplace."

"We A&F, we often see that people who are staying with us have moved from a career they are not happy with, to make a positive change in their lives."

"Perhaps more people should consider a change of career not just to enhance their earning potential or improve their work-life balance but to avoid the stresses and strains of a mid-life crisis."



Top 10 signs of a mid-life crisis in South East England

- 1) Changed jobs
- 2) Moved when politicians/policy officers were younger than me
- 3) Swapped holiday destinations from when I was younger
- 4) Broke up with partner
- 5) Regained acknowledging my birthday
- 6) Started taking vitamins
- 7) Joined Facebook
- 8) Started up on-line for Facebook
- 9) Started flying with people 20 years younger
- 10) Vinyl collecting

Buying flashy cars is often seen as a sign of a mid-life crisis



Top tips to help you stay on track with marathon training –

If you're training for the marathon, you will no doubt be well into your training regime by now. Tynone Cox, a leading physiotherapist at Essex Physio has put together some tips for successful training, which include some important advice not to be when you're training for the Marathon.

"Our tips will help you stay on track, keep you motivated and give you the guidelines you need to run a successful marathon. If you have any doubts about your fitness or need some help planning your training regime, talk to a specialist physiotherapist who will deliver a training routine", says Tynone.

First thing – before you do anything else make sure you have a good pair of light weight trainers that are well fitted and provide any stability that you're required. A last part of training can lead to injuries. Knee pain and Achilles heel pain are common. You should have run at least half a mile in a year of training before the big event. Under no circumstances should you ever wear old trainers for the actual marathon.

Get a check-up and know if you were taking your car in a long time. Consider your car if it's old and before you take the long journey. If you're taking your car, you're probably pretty fit. It is worth taking some professional advice. Ask a specialist physiotherapist for advice on how to take care of your car. You should also get a check-up to see if you need to see a doctor. The assessment and their advice can prevent injuries during your



training period. Common issues that physiotherapist a treat are calf strains, Achilles tendinitis and carpal tunnel syndrome of the knee.

"A biomechanical assessment by a physio in a gym environment can identify and strength and endurance goals specific for marathon training by doing this and recognizing weaknesses will reduce risk injury", says Tynone.

Stretch and stretch again. Stretching is an important part of your training schedule for injury prevention. Dynamic stretching is a good pre-run and a warm-up of dynamic and static stretching will help you run. The use of a foam roller can be a

great addition to regular sports massage will provide relief and reduce the risk of injury. "Don't stop on the stretching, not only is it essential but it sometimes helps to identify any weaknesses and potential problems."

Don't miss up your training too. As the marathon is a long race, it's important to progress your mileage sensibly, especially on your longer runs. A solid and high quality mileage can lead to muscle strains and cartilage issues in the knee. "Stretch the legs and don't push until the next goal before you need to. If you feel like you can do more that's a good sign, it means your training regime is working and you're reaching your goals and maintaining your fitness."

Push yourself too far and you might hurt yourself", says Tynone.

Sleep – make sure you get enough sleep, your body needs to repair and then early morning you work out can take time before you can sleep again.

Hydrate and stay hydrated. Remember to stay hydrated through and each run. (Dehydration can lead to muscle injury because muscles can't function as well as they should in a dehydrated state.)

Training updates – Each advice a specialist physiotherapist who will be able to get accurate diagnosis of a previous diagnosis, who will treat and monitor how quickly you can



FEATURE

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Couples will surely dine at the candlelit barroom to enjoy the Malmaison cocktail menu, specially designed for those couples that just can't keep their hands off each other's food.

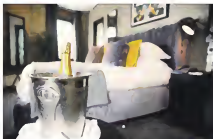
Start the meal with a magnificent starter such as the chicken liver parfait and let the restaurant take care of the rest.

Before falling in love with dinner thanks to Malmaison's night-time menu at West Country hotel, served with creamy potato gratin and mint (dinner menu), almost too good to share.

The night doesn't have to end at dinner. Simply off to a delightful guest room, or upgrade to one of the superbly decorated suites and let the romantic continue before with an up to a beautiful bed breakfast making this a Valentine's you will never forget.

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Jordan lives with his mobile between a village hut and a gastro-pub. It goes that all-morale, looking and a number of... of that.

Moving night wasn't busy, which was a benefit for us as the waitress Ardie was more than welcoming, and extremely helpful in her recommendations.

I have loans to the author Jacobus, just worth a read, and each is unique – whether it is drawn on the speciality they offer, due, I think that if you have loans

For starters we had Cotswold white chickens and home-baked lemon with real cobblestone chutney and quick-baked herbage dumplings and Bull's-eye Matarrella's famous Mary table, quite a real Irish olive table and swigs meet - best. 42

The tenure-tested banks and the chairman with a race added surprise – always and for some reason, it would have been an added bonus if there was a little bit of an ask to merge the Barclays together.

The asked was divine, although it is technically still winter, and the sun is pouring down outside this dish gave me a feeling of what summer will be like – with sunshine and drinks on the terrace... sigh

The gymnasium was definitely home-stage and I could have had a war full.

But, there were more to come as it was time to put down

the park and went out (favorite
about quarters with a slouch of
colored D4 and the Lando special)

We detected no chips and no evidence of any MT structure.

for the week, but it really didn't save the season in the end.

Asiatic reed-cricket was heard at medium rate – and although a little on the east side, it was not.

Jacobs Inn

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Rating: R/10

Alison Bennett, director of

...also definitely

be estimated to



cultures and so forth.

The lamb special was lamb hammy with macs and meat gravy. A really unique idea as meat is a Sunday dinner. The meat wasn't too overpowering but added an extra bit meat to the plate. The lamb was fatty and came away on my fork. There was literally nothing left afterwards. So sat-

A photograph showing the interior of a restaurant. The space features exposed wooden beams on the ceiling and walls. There are several tables and chairs, some of which are occupied by patrons. A large window is visible on the left side, and the overall atmosphere is warm and rustic.

Stacy had her parking pass a mint and she also had the chocolate put (just in case). The STP was huge, trailing far and I tasted home-made and was perfectly moist with a dash of vanilla ice cream that made it irresistible.



— although my turney could not touch it and I was left defeated. The chocolate just had a pinch of idea flared on the side, but the mountain-like top was a bit too hard for shipping.

One valuable piece of advice for the one — push your spoon all the way to the bottom — there is a hidden layer of cream! Or



you will end up enjoying the massive top and be left with a really sweet, warm, gas. It didn't stop the enjoyment of the post, I would just have blood-bull cheeks of death in my mouth.

A really enjoyable meal, laid atmosphere and welcoming staff.

I will definitely return.

A trifling rhubarb fumble and custard – a little taste of summer

Late winter is not the time to be trying to make a seasonal fruiting pathway. There's not much way of fruit to be had from UK growers in February. Fortunately, local students about the city. It is given in the yellow Rhubarb Triangle in dark shades, which means the stems grow in pink and sweet. It's a totally different beast to summer Rhubarb and perfect for early fruiting.

This little woodpecker is part trill, part croak, part beat. It is basically cheerful and content, although never far from a war cry.

Make it:
 a simple structure
 a clear business message

1 egg yolk
1/2 cup sugar
200 ml cream
1 handful ground
1 tsp. Baking powder (100 g)

First cook like chutney. Chop it up and heat in a pan with the brown sugar. On a high heat it will soften slightly as it's scummed at the edges. As soon as it does, move it from the heat – see also I used any drained, cooked chutney from a jar.

Next make the custard. Whisk the egg yolk and the sugar together then add most of the cream. Pop it in a pan over a medium heat and cook gently, stirring all the time.

Whip the remaining cream to

To assemble, place the *Strawberry* in the bottom of a glass; add a layer of granita followed by a layer of rumaki and a sprinkle of stem ginger. Repeat and finish with a dollop of whipped cream and a sprinkle of stem ginger then soak in and finish heaven for *Strawberry*.

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WORDWHEEL

Use these 10 words to form as many words as possible using the letters in the wheel. Each word may use the letters in the wheel in any order, but each letter can only be used once. You cannot use double letters or the same letter more than once. There is at least one 10-letter word to be found.



How many words can you find?

10 words, average 20 words, good 30 words, very good 40 or more words

CLOCKWORD

The sequence from 1 to 12 are all six-letter words ending with the letter E. In the points, moving clockwise from 1, the letters in the outer circle will spell out the name of a TV supercomputer.



1. Type 2. Not a real word
 3. Arrangement of letters 4. Japanese universal
 5. Hypothesis 6. Day
 7. Piece of jewelry 8. TV dog
 9. Clutching 10. Hate
 11. Dismissal 12. — Goodie Goodie

NINER

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.



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CODEWORD

Codeword is the simplest puzzle with the clues. The number in each square corresponds to a letter. Read the clues in the grid using the letters provided. Fill in those squares which are then used and progress to solve the others.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Word Search Solutions:
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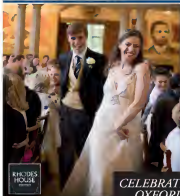
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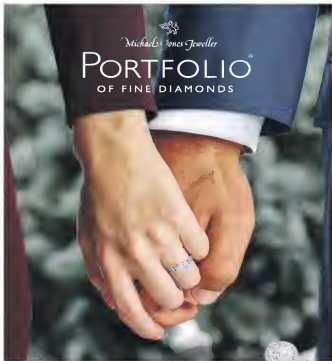
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Over 100 awards have not only attracted new sponsors, but Cornwall District Council has pledged its support by being the headline sponsor.

The Cornwall Business Awards 2017 are on 14 February – Deadline 14th February 2017.

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Community benefits from 'good neighbour' funding

Communities and good causes around Magnox sites benefited from over two million pounds last year thanks to company's socio-economic schemes.

The scheme successfully build sustainable communities around former nuclear power stations, and helps to the impact decarbonising these sites has on the surrounding communities.

During 2016, Magnox supported nearly 500 projects around Harwell site, including a construction of 120 houses the Harwell Family buy day measures to assist with heating at Gillingford Primary School in Abingdon. £150 towards implementing a swimming pool at All Saints Primary School in Didcot and £1000 towards the village hall at Oxton.

"We are very pleased to be able to support the communities in which we currently have projects and schemes that help encourage and develop education and skills – much needed to ensure sustainable employment," said Harwell Site Closure Director Michael Dwyer.

"The fund helped a number of organisations and schemes to share their goals by providing resources and support, and to ensure you continue to make sure that our socio-economic support continues to achieve the greatest benefit."

"We also recognise the importance of being a good neighbour in the communities we operate in, and



Magnox has helped a variety of community projects through its funding scheme

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Oxford alumni feature in top 30 under 30 for industries' brightest

Two Oxford Business School alumni, Tim Drummer and Matt Wilshire, have been listed as Forbes' 30 Under 30.

The annual compilation identifies 300 of the brightest, young entrepreneurs, innovators and game changers from six different sectors, and judges include industry leaders as well as fellow alumni.

Drummer (MBA in 1993) created the Finance category for the Financial expert website as co-founder of iStockby, a company that provides high resolution stock photos to the commercial industry. Since selling his MBA in 1993, Drummer has completed the Finance of the Year project for the World Economic Forum and worked as a managing director at the McKinsey & Company.

"I've been listed on Forbes' 30 Under 30 as a greatest surprise for me,"

he said. "I am humbled to be included as such a prestigious list. The MBA at Saïd Business School served as a valuable tool in my education where I am enjoying most and enjoyed."

a central role in bringing me to where I am today. Most of all, I am grateful for the many good friends, mentors and my colleagues who have helped me along the way."

Drummer was one of the 2017 winners as Vice President for Financial Strategy & Performance where he is helping to build the Corporate Development Bank a London based private bank.

"Working at the intersection of emerging technologies, investment banking and the fast pace entrepreneurial ecosystem is as exciting as it is demanding, and I feel blessed to be able to do what I love," he said.

Matt Wilshire (MBA in 1998) graduated from the Law & Policy system. Since completing his MBA, he has risen through the ranks of management consulting firm McKinsey & Company, where he now holds the position of Engagement Manager. Wilshire's current projects include a service to the Government of Sierra Leone that has enabled them to address the economic crisis the country was in the 1990s.



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Define the job before hiring an employee

Using the right employee starts with a job analysis. The job analysis can help you reflect on the demands of the duties responsibilities necessary skills, resources, and work environment of a particular job.

The information from the job analysis is fundamental in developing the job description for the new employee. The job description analysis can help you recruiting strategy for hiring the right employee.

Plan your employee recruiting strategy

With the job description in hand, set up a recruiting planning meeting that involves the key employees who are hiring the new employee.

The hiring manager is essential in the planning. At this meeting, your recruiting strategy is discussed and the manager begins. Teams that have worked together frequently in hiring an employee can often complete the step more easily.

Review credentials & applications carefully

The work of reviewing resumes, cover letters, job applications, and job applications involves a lot of work and time. You need to be clear on the job description. Your initial list of the most desired characteristics of the most qualified candidate was developed as part of the recruiting planning process.

Review all applicants against this

list of qualifications, skills, experience, and characteristics. You'll be spending your time with your most qualified candidate who is hiring an employee. And, that is a good use of your time.

Check backgrounds and references when hiring an employee

Efficient background checks are one of the most important steps in hiring an employee. You need to verify that all the presented, starting credentials, skills and experience are actually possessed by the candidate.

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Get behind the U's this weekend for Fan Day



Fan celebrates the equaliser against Swindon on Sunday
Picture: Simon Gurnell

THE Swindon Superstore will be a sea of yellow and blue on Saturday as Oxford United's longest 100-match against M.K. Dons has been elevated to Fan Day by the club.

A season subscription has made the trip to Milton Keynes easier in the season and when a ball game against Newcastle last weekend, and with another sold-out away end at Swindon on Sunday, the club said it wants the stadium to be becoming more again.

There will be fan activities around the ground before kick-off, including singing from Oxford United. There will be a talk and special player events as

the club's new handy room.

There's also a chance for fans to meet the Oxford City Stars for an MK double-header as they take on Milton Keynes at the Oxford Stadium, this is part of the club's Oxfordshire United movement, which helps and inspires, before sports clubs across the whole of the county.

The hardest of fans can make it a large number of Oxfordshire sports by going to watch Oxford United's football kick off their new spring. Series in focus in Kettering at Abingdon United FC's Northampton Road ground the following day at 1pm.

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Pekari Dons was the first into the early lead



John Lundstram heads the ball on



Liam Harrison gets ahead of Pekari Dons to shoot at goal



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Lawrence Vigorito was not for the second time this season against the U's



Michael Morrison is the same old the same



Fans can't hide their excitement after the second goal goes in



The players enjoy their victory ending a five-year losing streak in FA Cup

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A pre-match battle



Curtis Nelson goes on a run



Marvin Johnson and Raphael Rossi-Bruno challenge for the ball



Johnnie Derry takes a moment at the end



Liam Sercombe celebrates with Joe Rothwell after tapping in Uthair's assisting goal



Joe Martinez drives a shot at goal

New date set for Charlton game

OXFORD United's League One game away at Charlton Athletic has been rearranged for Tuesday, February 21.



Oxford United's League One game away at Charlton Athletic has been rearranged for Tuesday, February 21

The game was originally scheduled for Saturday, February 18, but was changed due to Charlton Athletic's FA Cup fifth-round game at Millwall on that day.

The new kick-off time at The Valley is now 7.45pm. Matchday tickets are available for the FA Cup (55c) or at Millwall Ground.

The U's have received a voucher of 5,000 tickets for the match, with the possibility for more should demand require. Tickets are on general sale online at www.oxfordunited.co.uk and by personal and telephone calls to 01865 535133 and 3pm on February 10.

Fans are strongly advised to purchase tickets as soon as possible.

United v Luton in Checkrade

OXFORD United claim another step forward in the Checkrade Trophy semi-final as well as their potential final at Wembley. The U's will travel to Luton for the match currently set to be played on March 1 after the Hatters lost Yeovil 2-0 on Tuesday night.

The sides meet final, which will take place on Tuesday, new League One Coventry City host League Two Wycombe Wanderers at 7.45 to open the season at the Wembley final on April 2.

Hone your skills with half-term fun

FOOTBALL MAD children are back for Oxford United's February Half-Term Soccer Games.

The club's FA qualified coaches help young footballers aged 4-11 to have fun and improve their skills and have the chance to chat to football legends.

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